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### Idaho Potato Stocks Up 12 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on May 1 totaled 37.0 million cwt, 4.00 million cwt more than on hand May 1, 2007. Disappearance, at 94.7 million cwt is down from last year's 95.9 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 1.80 million cwt, up from last year's 1.40 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 35.2 million cwt, were up from the 31.6 million cwt stored on May 1, 2007. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 7.52 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes during April, up 7 percent from April 2007. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 63.0 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes to May 1, down 1.1 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 55.1 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 7.93 million cwt were produced in other states.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 92.7 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2008, up 17 percent from a year ago and 22 percent above May 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 23 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from a year ago. Potato disappearance, at 307 million cwt, was 1 percent below May 1, 2007 but up 3 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 23.4 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same date in 2007 but up 6 percent from 2006. Processors in the 9 major States have used 158 million cwt of 2007 crop potatoes this season, down 3 percent from the same period last year but up 6 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 33.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year but 11 percent above the same period in 2006.



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